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John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

RE: Prince Albert Mine, 110d Designated Mining Operation Permit Application, No. M-2011-040, Decision Date Extension-05.

Dear Mr. Chiles,

On July 20th, 2011 the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division) received Rimrock Exploration's application for a 110d, Designated Mining Operation (DMO), application No. M-2011-040. An administrative review of the submission noted the application was complete for review and was considered filed as of July 26, 2011. The decision date was set originally set for October 24, 2011.

Rimrock has requested four extensions of the decision date in order to develop a response to the Preliminary Adequacy Review (PAR). On May 30, 2012 the Division received a fifth request to extend the decision date as Rimrock continues to develop a response to the PAR. Rimrock has requested the extension to June 29th, 2012. Staff has granted the extension to that date. As before, Rimrock should have the response to the Division by no later than 10 working days prior to the decision date, June 18th, 2012 to ensure staff has time to review the response.

Per Rule 1.4.1(9) the applicant may extend the decision date "not to exceed 365 days" to allow an opportunity to provide information necessary to meet the adequacy requirements. Please note that the 365 day limit for this application is July 25, 2012. If final issues are not addressed or at least under final approval review Rimrock runs the risk of having the application denied on the 365th day. If minor issues remain or final review is not complete after 365 days Rimrock must request an extension from the Mined Land Reclamation Board, not the Division. An extension is not guaranteed.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 S. 3rd St., Suite 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, by telephone at 970.241.1117, or by e-mail at russ.means@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "G. Russell Means". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "G" and a cursive "Means".

G. Russell Means
Environmental Protection Specialist II

Ec: Tim Cazier, Division Engineer, Denver Office
Cc: Rob Ernst, BLM Uncompahgre Field Office, Montrose, CO